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SUBJECT - FORD-RABIN MEETING

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PRESIDENT FORD AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN MEET IN WASHINGTON,
JUNE 11-12. THIS MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS COMES SHORTLY
AFTER THE FORD-SADAT MEETING IN SALZBURG (JUNE 1-2). MEDIA
OUTPUT WILL, OF COURSE, BE GUIDED BY STATEMENTS OF LEADERS
DURING MEETING. ADDITIONALLY, THESE TALKS PROVIDE OCCASION TO
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REITERATE BASIC POLICY THEMES IN MEDIA CURTAIN RAISERS AND

WHERE APPROPRIATE DURING VISIT, AS WELL AS IN CONVERSATIONS IN THE FIELD. THESE ARE:

1. USG RESOLVE NOT TO ALLOW MID-EAST SITUATION TO STAGNATE OR BECOME STALEMATED, THEREBY INCREASING THE RISKS OF RENEWED FIGHTING. PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE MADE THIS POINT REPEATEDLY, MOST RECENTLY IN STATEMENTS AND PRESS CONFERENCE AT SALZBURG. CONSISTENT USG EFFORTS DURING PAST 18 MONTHS TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE CAN BE USED TO BUTTRESS THIS THEME.

2. MEETING IS INTEGRAL PART OF CONSULTATION WITH PARTIES CONCERNED IN COURSE OF USG'S POLICY REASSESSMENT UNDERTAKEN IN WAKE OF SUSPENDED MARCH STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATIONS. PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN--AS EARLIER WITH PRESIDENT SADAT--IS TO PERMIT TWO LEADERS OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE VARIOUS POSSIBLE ROADS TO PEACE; TO SEE WHICH MIGHT BE MOST PROMISING; AND HOW TO PURSUE THEM. MEETING IS EXPECTED TO ADVANCE USG POLICY REASSESSMENT AND BETTER ENABLE USG TO REACH CONCLUSIONS ABOUT HOW IT SEES THE BEST WAY TO MOVE FORWARD IN SEEKING PEACE. PRESIDENT FORD HAS SAID HE EXPECTS TO STATE HIS GENERAL VIEWS ON THE MID-EAST AT SOMETIME AFTER HE HAS TALKED WITH THE PARTIES AND OUR REASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED.

3. USG IS NOT ADVOCATING ANY ONE APPROACH TO A MID-EAST SETTLEMENT. IT IS READY TO PURSUE WHATEVER AVENUES ARE MOST PROMISING. IT IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK, TO RESUME STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATIONS, OR PURSUE COMBINATION OF THESE APPROACHES. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO FIND WAY TO MAKE EARLY PROGREUS TOWARD THE OBJECTIVE OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE THAT WILL ASSURE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SECURITY, AND RIGHT TO NATIONAL EXISTENCE OF ALL STATES OF THE REGION AND THAT WILL BE SEEN TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL ITS PEOPLES.

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (I.E. SYRIAN RENEWAL OF UNDOF, FORD-SADAT MEETING, OPENING OF SUEZ CANAL, ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT OF REDUCTION OF FORCES IN CANAL REGION) DEMONSTRATE APPARENT DESIRE BY PARTIES TO REDUCE TENSIONS. PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF THESE EVENTS IS IMPORTANT IN MAINTAINING MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE. RECALL USG POSITIVE STATEMENTS

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ON THESE ACTIONS BY THE PARTIES. STRESS THAT PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE DEPENDS ON WILLINGNESS OF ALL PARTIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE-MAKING PROCESS.

5. WHILE FOCUS OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN WILL BE ON PROBLEM OF MAKING PROGRESS IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, BILATERAL US-IRSAELI RELATIONS WILL ALSO BE REVIEWED, IN CONTEXT OF LONGSTANDING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN

US AND ISRAEL, AND US POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL.
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